



CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Community Development Block Grant Application—Carrie Myers
Provides overview of project and application. Staff report attached. No public comment.

Smith—Questions Richard Travers, Chester Engineers, regarding engineering costs for this project.

Biser—Questions turn-around time frame for the project.

Meter Adjustment Resolution 09-09—Dave Dunn
Provides overview and history of resolution. Council has visited this issue previously.
Spreadsheet attached.

Mayor stresses this is to “clean up” what has been done in the past and to make meter rates consistent throughout the City.

Biser—Asks how changes in businesses will be brought to the attention of City Hall?

Dunn—Those changes will be captured in zoning certificate process.

Mary Torres—Kline Scott Visco, Property Managers for Brunswick Shopping Center—Speaks in support of this method and hope Council will pass resolution.

FY 2010 Property Tax Rate—Dave Dunn
Finance Committee has met many times to discuss. Current rate is \$.422/\$100. Recommend leaving the rate alone this year. \$139,000 more in revenue is anticipated in FY 2010.

Les Deneen, A Street—Questions whether there will be any property tax increase?

Biser—If the value of a home goes up, the property tax will increase.

Les Deneen—Questions why Council won't go back to Constant Yield rate of \$.392?

Biser—The State of Maryland is on a 3-year assessment cycle. Next year is the end of the cycle, and homes will be reassessed. Assessments will likely go down in the City, so the City will receive less revenue.

Les Deneen--Provides Council with a lengthy list of everything citizens get taxed on.

FY 2010 Budget--Dave Dunn

Highlights budget overview (attached.) No change in water and sewer rates this year. Finance Committee and Council are trying to prepare for budget declines in FY 2011. FY 2010 doesn't look too bad, but City will really be impacted in FY 2011. No public comment.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009, 7:45 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL--Johnson, Biser, Stull, Tome, Smith--all present

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Special Election to fill Council Member seat on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Proposed changes to close Senior Center two days per week has been reduced to closing only one day per week. This change was due to budgeting difficulties.

Expresses appreciation to all military service persons.

Reads proclamation for Food Bank 30th Anniversary.

CITIZENS' FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Appeals Appointments--Sandra Cole & Barbara Baker

Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments--Connie Koenig, Ellis Burrus

Ethics Commission Appointments--Fr. Frank Fortcamp, Doug O'Rear

Motion to approve--Stull

2nd--Tome

Vote 5-0

Mayor swears in Sandra Cole and Barbara Baker to Board of Appeals.

Mayor swears in Ellis Burruss to Planning Commission. Ms. Koenig absent.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Block Grant Resolution No. 09-07

Motion to approve--Smith

2nd--Stull

Vote 5-0

Wind/Solar Text Amendment--Staff Direction--Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends Mayor and Council direct staff to create a wind/solar text amendment.

Stull--Questions whether text amendment would include language regarding noise ordinance?

Castle--Yes.

Biser--Questions whether there are restrictions as to size, etc. of allowable wind turbines?

Castle--Yes. Will bring this issue back to Finance Committee for extensive discussion tomorrow night.

Motion to proceed with draft--Tome

2nd--Johnson

Vote 5-0

Meter Adjustment Resolution 09-09

Motion to approve--Smith

2nd--Biser

Biser--Believes this is a fair way to do this, however points out that this creates a deficit of nearly \$18,000. Wishes City could balance water and sewer budget.

Vote 5-0

Main Street Request--July First Friday--Patrick Kay

Request attached.

Dave Dunn--Staff met with Main Street representatives today to fine tune this issue prior to bringing it to Council. Dave give further overview of what is being requested of City resources. Main Street will handle commercial notification. Commuter traffic should be at a minimum since July 3, 2009 is a holiday.

Mayor--Wishes Main Street would have spoken with businesses prior to bringing this type of issue to Council.

Motion to approve--Biser

2nd--Tome

Vote 5-0

Approved By: Paula Johnson 6/9/09
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: David Dunn 6/9/09
City Administrator Date